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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A post-surgical care wound and bandage cover for a pet such as a dog,
2 comprising:

3 a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a rear opening, said trunk cover extending
4 from the chest front to a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet; and

5 a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening, said neck cover extending downward
6 from the upper neck to said front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating therewith;

7 said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front opening of such size as to receive a
8 corresponding front leg of the pet;

9 said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected by a seam so as to form a vest-like body
10 sock for placement over the front portion of the body of a pet;

11 whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-dressed wound.

1 Claim 2. (*Original*) The cover of claim 1, wherein said vest-like trunk cover defines two lower front
2 openings of such size and location as to receive left and right front legs of the pet.

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1 Claim 3. (*Original*) The cover of claim 1, wherein said vest-like body sock is made of an elastic material
2 so as to snugly fit the body of the pet.

Claim 4. (*Cancelled*)

1 Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) The cover of claim 4 1, wherein said seam is an expandable cross stitch
2 seam.

1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The cover of claim 1, wherein said neck cover opening is of such size as to snugly fit
2 around the upper neck of the pet, and said neck cover opening has an expandable cross stitch hem.

1 Claim 7. (*Original*) The cover of claim 1, wherein each said leg opening in said trunk cover has an
2 expandable cross stitch hem.

Claim 8. (*Cancelled*)

1 Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A The post-surgical care wound and bandage cover of claim 8, wherein
2 for a pet such as a dog, comprising:

3 a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a rear opening, said trunk cover extending
from the chest front to a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet; said rear opening of said

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trunk portion has an expandable cross stitch hem, said hem includes a bunched portion extending around the belly of the pet, said trunk portion having an integral elastic strip, said integral elastic strip being straight sewn within said hem bunched portion, and

a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening, said neck cover extending downward from the upper neck to said front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating therewith;

said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front opening of such size as to receive a corresponding front leg of the pet;

said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected so as to form a vest-like body sock for placement over the front portion of the body of a pet;

whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-dressed wound.

Claim 10. (Original) The cover of claim 9, wherein said integral elastic strip is straight sewn within said hem.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A The post-surgical care wound and bandage cover of claim 1, for a pet such as a dog, comprising:

a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a rear opening, said trunk cover extending from the chest front to a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet; and

a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening, said neck cover extending downward

6 from the upper neck to said front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating therewith;

7 said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front opening of such size as to receive a

8 corresponding front leg of the pet;

9 said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected so as to form a vest-like body sock for

10 placement over the front portion of the body of a pet;

11 wherein there is a single lower front opening and said cover is reversible, so as to cover a wound
12 from the removal of a front leg of the pet;

13 whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-dressed wound.

1 Claim 12. (Original) The cover of claim 11, wherein said elastic material is spandex or Lycra having
2 polyethylene mixed therewith and is open weaved such as to allow passage of air to the wound while
3 excluding dust and dirt.

1 Claim 13. (Original) The cover of claim 1, wherein said cover is made of cotton or Nylon and is open
2 weaved such as to allow breathing of air to the wound.

1 Claim 14. (Original) A post-surgical care wound and bandage cover for a pet such as a dog, comprising:

2 a vest-like trunk cover having a front upper opening and a rear opening, said trunk cover extending
from the chest front to a point in the vicinity of the rear of the rib cage of the pet; and

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4 a neck cover defining an upper opening and a lower opening, said neck cover extending downward
5 from the upper neck to said front upper opening of said trunk cover and communicating therewith;
6 said vest-like trunk cover defining at least one lower front opening of such size as to receive a
7 corresponding front leg of the pet;
8 said trunk cover and said neck cover being connected by a an expandable cross stitched seam so
9 as to form a vest-like body sock for placement over the front portion of the body of a pet;
10 said rear opening of said trunk portion having an expandable hem which includes an upper cross
11 stitched portion and a bunched portion extending around the trunk and belly of the pet, said bunched portion
12 containing an elastic strip;
13 said cover being made of open weave breathable material such as to allow passage of air to the
14 wound while excluding dust and dirt;
15 whereby said vest-like body sock covers an exposed or gauze-dressed wound.

1 Claim 15. *(Original)* The cover of claim 14, wherein said integral elastic strip is straight sewn within said
2 hem.

1 Claim 16. *(Original)* The cover of claim 15, wherein there is a single lower front opening and said cover
2 is reversible, so as to cover a wound from the removal of a front leg of the pet.

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1 Claim 17. *(Original)* The cover of claim 15, wherein said cover is made of elastic material and the elastic
2 material is spandex or Lycra having polyethylene mixed therewith.

1 Claim 18. *(Original)* The cover of claim 15, wherein said cover is made of cotton or Nylon.

1 Claim 19. *(Original)* The cover of claim 17, wherein said cover is so configured and constructed as to
2 allow a veterinarian to roll or peel back a portion of said cover to expose the wound.

1 Claim 20. *(Original)* The cover of claim 19, wherein said cover is so sized and configured relative to the
2 pet as to allow ease in placing the cover on the pet and removing same, while the pet cannot remove the
3 cover from the wounded area by means of mouth, paws, or rubbing against an object.